

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of BRENT BERRINGTON, JR.,
Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TAMMY COOK,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

BRENT BERRINGTON, SR.,

Respondent.

In the Matter of BRANDEN COOK Minor.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

TAMMY COOK,

Respondent-Appellant.

UNPUBLISHED
May 13, 2008

No. 281796
Kent Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 06-052189-NA

No. 281797
Kent Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 07-050298-NA

Before: Bandstra, P.J., and Fitzgerald and Markey, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

In these consolidated appeals, respondent Tammy Cook appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm.

The trial court terminated respondent's parental rights pursuant to her plea of admission to an amended petition alleging that she was not able to provide proper care and custody for the children, that she would not be able to do so within a reasonable time, and that termination of her parental rights was in the children's best interests. Respondent's sole claim on appeal is that her plea was involuntary, but respondent did not preserve this issue by first raising it below. *In re NEGP*, 245 Mich App 126, 134; 626 NW2d 921 (2001); *In re Zelzack*, 180 Mich App 117, 126; 446 NW2d 588 (1989). Therefore, we review this issue for plain error. *Kloian v Schwartz*, 272 Mich App 232, 242; 725 NW2d 671 (2006).

A plea must be knowingly, understandingly, and voluntarily made. MCR 3.971(C). There is nothing in the record to indicate that respondent's plea was anything other than voluntary. Although she apparently hesitated when answering certain questions, the record demonstrates that she was in full agreement with everything that transpired and never indicated that she did not want to enter a plea and proceed with a hearing on the supplemental petition. Respondent has not shown a plain error.

We affirm.

/s/ Richard A. Bandstra
/s/ E. Thomas Fitzgerald
/s/ Jane E. Markey